The anaesthesia team consisted of the following doctors:—

1 Dr. Sushma Ahlawat, Sr Resident

2 Dr Manoj, Jr Resident

3. Dr. Rashmi Borda, Jr. Resident

4 Dr Ravi Saxena, was on cover

During the surgery after about half an hour cardiac arrest accured to the patient. Vigorous rescuscitation measures were started including external cardiac message The patient was resuscitated, he developed spontaneous respiration Patient was subsequently shifted to ICU on the 8th floor and expired at about 2.40 AM on 13 12 90 The vial of sensoricain which was used for spinal anaesthesia and all the vials of the batch were sealed for analysis

A doubt has arised about the possible reaction by the Anesthetic Drug, so the vial of the Inj. Sensoricain 0 5 per cent Heavy of the same batch was sealed and sent for analysis. In the meantime Prof. H. L. Kaul, Prof. & Head of the Deptt of Anaesthesiology has informed the Medical Supdt. the suspicion on about the quality of drug (Inj Sensocaine 0 5 per cent Heavy)

As per the result of analysis received from Radieure Pharmaceutical, Pvt Ltd (Analytical Division) Okhla, New Delhi a laboratory approved by the Government of India for the test purpose, the sample submitted complies with the prescribed standard of quality

This medicine was first introduced at AIIMS on 1 8 90 as a substitute of Inj. Mercain on the recommendations of Prof. H. L Kaul by mid December and the Institute have consumed about more than 400 Injections for spinal Anaesthesia

The following actions were taken immediately on receipt of information about the incident —

(i) All the Drug supply of Sensoricain—Spinal (Heavy) supplied by M/s. Astro-IDL (Batch No 06002) was withdrawn from circulation

(ii) Instructions were issued immediately to the Delhi Drug Control Administration asking them to draw samples of the drug for test from AIIMS and carry out necesary investigation and telegraphic instructions were issued to all State Drug Controllers asking them to withdraw from the market Sensoricain batch No. 06002 manufactured by M/s. Astra-IDL, Bangalore The manufacturer of the drug were also asked to withdraw the drug from the market

(iii) Samples of the drug have also been sent to the Government recognised laboratory for analysis and testing

(iv) All the relevant papers and case sheets have been sealed for custody

Improvement in the Functioning of Hospital in the Capital

1237 SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) whether he has recently paid a surprise visit to Safdarjang Hospital,

(b) if so, what are the details of the discrepancies detected,

(c) whether it is a fact that the patients in the Hospital do not get proper treatment or medicines, and

(d) if so, what corrective steps Government propose to take to improve the functioning of the hospitals in the Capital?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. SHAKEELUR REHMAN): (a) Yes, Sir On 26 11 1990

(b) No major short-coming was noticed. However, the attention of hospital auhorities was drawn to the non-functioning of the elvators and inadequate lighting Their attention was also drawn to the combplaints of the patients, about lack of attention. Hospital authorities have since taken necessary steps to remove these shortcomings.

(c) and (d) No, Sir The patients are geting their treatment properly in all Departments/Disciplines of the Hospital. The medicines which are included in the hospital formulary, are being given to the patients In case, any life saving drug is not available in the store of the Hospital, the same are procured through local purchase.

Power Projects recommended by Public Investment Board

1238. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Public Investment Board has recommended six power projects to the Central Government for implementation;

(b) if so, the details of the power projects cleared by Public Investment Board and sent to the Central Government for clearance, and

(c) by when the Central Government propose to clear the projects for implementation and the estimated investment likely to be made in each of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI BABANRAO DHAKANE): (a) and (b) The Public Investment Board, in its meeting held on 29-11-90, recommended five power projects for Investment approval These includes two new projects and three on-going projects for which detailed project reports have been cleared by PIB The details of these projects are as under —

A. *New Projects*

1. Kayamkulam Super Thermal power Project Stage. I (2x210 MW)
2. Mangalore Super Thermal Power Project Stage-I (2x210 MW)

B *On-going Projects*

1. Farakka Super Thermal Power Project Stage II (2x500 MW)
2. National Capital Thermal Power Project (4x210 MW)
3. Kahalgaon Super Thermal Power Project Stage I (4x210 MW).

(c) The estimated costs of the new projects are *viz.* Kayamkulam and Mangalore are Rs. 901.37 crores and Rs. 998 16 crores respectively. The estimated costs on the basis of the Detailed Projects Reports of Farakka Super Thermal Power Project Stage II. NCTPP and Kahalgaon Super Thermal Power Project Stag I are Rs. 1426.85 crores, Rs 1364 10 crores and Rs. 1769.83 crores respectively. PIB recommendations are under the consideration of the Government and appropriate decisions will be taken shortly

Facilities to Heart Burn Victims

1239. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

'a) whether it is a fact that nearly one lakh people in our country die every year due to burns;

(b) whether the facilities to cure the burn victims are also inadequate